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Biodiversity Display Showcased at Elizabethtown Community & Technical College *KSNPC metal art depicts Kentucky's spectrum of life*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 8, 2013) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) is promoting a cleverly designed metal art exhibit that is calling attention to the vast array of biodiversity found in the Commonwealth.

The exhibit's aluminum images, primarily taken from the KSNPC book, "Kentucky's Natural Heritage: An Illustrated Guide to Biodiversity," depict a fascinating ecosystem of flora and fauna, some of which are endemic to Kentucky and found nowhere else in the world. Various-sized images on 20 aluminum plates lend a three-dimensional effect, producing layers of vivid color and accurate detail.

The art will be on display in the Morrison Gallery, James S. Owen Building, Room 102, at the Elizabethtown Community & Technical College, 600 College Street Rd., Elizabethtown, Ky. Exhibit dates are April 15 through May 3, 2013. The Morrison Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., EDT and is free and open to the public.

A hike through Jim Scudder State Nature Preserve in Hardin County will be held on April 23 in the afternoon, weather permitting. Participants will depart from the college's art gallery at 1:30 p.m., EDT and carpool to the preserve. Contact Martha Wolfe at the college 270-769-2371, ext. 4419 for more information.

"Kentucky's Natural Heritage: An Illustrated Guide to Biodiversity" is a coffee table book, factual enough for use in the classroom yet written in a style that will appeal to the casual reader. The book, more than three years in the making, was published in collaboration with The University Press of Kentucky and can be purchased through most area bookstores, Amazon.com, The University Press of Kentucky and the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission.

The biodiversity exhibit can be customized to fit most any space. Contact the commission at 502-573-2886 if your agency, business or school is interested in reserving the display. The commission provides this exhibit as an educational service at no cost.

For more information about the Morrison Gallery, contact Rachel L. Ray, gallery coordinator, at 270-706-8507 or via email at rray0047@kctcs.edu.

Additional information about the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission can be obtained by calling the office at 502-573-2886 or online at <http://naturepreserves.ky.gov>. You can also join the commission on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/ksnpc>.

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